

Highlights from the Board of Education Meeting January 14, 2002

Announcements

- President Kirk T. Schroder announced that the board's next meeting would be held in Richmond on February 5 at a location to be announced.
- President Schroder appointed the following board members to serve on a committee to evaluate the potential impact of Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 on Virginia: Mark Christie, Susan Noble, Ruby Rogers, Audrey Davidson, and Scott Goodman.

Consent Agenda

- Final review of recommendations concerning release of Literary Fund loans for placement on waiting list
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans
- Final review of financial report of Literary Fund

Resolutions and Recognitions

- Recognition of Secretary of Education Belle S. Wheelan and Deputy Secretary Sarah Finley
- Resolution honoring members of the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program Steering Committee

Discussion and Action Items

ITEM	ACTION
Final review of proposed revisions to the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel (8 VAC 20-21-10 et. seq.)	The board approved the regulations on final review.
Final review of proposed Regulations Establishing Standards for State-Funded Remedial Programs (8 VAC 20-660-10 et. seq.)	The board approved the regulations on final review.
Presentation by representatives of Citizens Advocating for Special Education	The board directed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure that Standards of Learning content review committees include representation from the special education community.
First review of the Board of Education's letter in response to the report of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission: Elementary and Secondary School Funding	The board waived first review and approved the response on final review.
First review of a recommendation from the Accountability Advisory Committee on the awarding of verified credit.	The board approved a resolution in support of legislation authorizing it to develop by August 1, 2002, additional factors and guidelines for awarding verified credit for students in the ninth grade classes of 2000-01, 2001-02, and 2002-03, that such means be retroactive to ensure that it applies to all eligible students, and that it excludes both eleventh-grade English SOL tests.

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First review of Board of Education Report to Governor and General Assembly on Public Education	The board approved the report on final review and authorized Department of Education staff to make technical changes.
First review of revised Mathematics Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework	The board accepted the document on first review and scheduled public hearings for February 11, 2002, in Highland Springs and Wytheville.
Presentation by Brenda Welburn, executive director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)	The presentation was for information only and required no board action.
Report on Three-Year School Improvement Plans and October 1 Status Report for Schools Rated "Accredited with Warning" for the 2000-2001 School Year	The board accepted the report and appointed Susan Genovese to work with the Superintendent of Public Instruction to revise the suggested format for three-year school improvement plans when necessary and advise the board of such revisions as part of the annual report on school improvement plans and the progress of schools toward meeting their objectives.

Public Comment

- One speaker addressed an issue related to special education.

Discussion of Current Issues

- Superintendent of Public Instruction Jo Lynne DeMary discussed the awarding to the Virginia Department of Education by the Wallace-Readers Digest Funds of a \$250,000 State Action for Educational Leadership Project (SAELP) grant. Dr. DeMary also noted the awarding of a related \$1 million grant to Fairfax County. Both grants will be used to develop policies and practices that strengthen educational leadership.

Executive Session

Adournment

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